

9.D Black Lung Benefits

Table 9.D1.—Currently payable to miners, widows, and dependents, 1970-97 ¹

December	Number				Benefits (in thousands)	
	Total	Miners	Widows	Dependents ²	Monthly amount	Annual amount
1970.....	111,976	43,921	24,889	43,166	\$12,500	\$111,000
1971.....	231,729	77,213	67,358	87,158	27,200	378,900
1972.....	298,963	101,802	88,067	109,094	37,800	554,400
1973.....	461,491	159,837	124,154	177,500	63,700	1,045,200
1974.....	487,216	169,097	134,700	183,419	71,500	951,300
1975.....	482,311	165,405	139,407	177,499	75,500	947,700
1976.....	469,655	158,087	142,495	169,073	77,400	963,300
1977.....	457,399	148,720	144,543	164,136	80,500	942,200
1978.....	439,970	138,648	145,829	155,493	82,300	965,100
1979.....	418,948	129,558	146,527	142,863	86,500	983,100
1980.....	399,477	120,235	146,603	132,639	91,400	1,032,000
1981.....	376,505	111,249	146,173	119,083	91,700	1,081,300
1982.....	354,569	102,234	144,863	107,472	90,800	1,076,000
1983.....	333,358	93,694	142,967	96,697	86,300	1,055,800
1984.....	313,822	85,658	140,995	87,169	85,300	1,038,000
1985.....	294,846	77,836	138,328	78,682	83,700	1,025,000
1986.....	275,783	70,253	135,033	70,497	78,900	971,000
1987.....	258,988	63,573	131,561	63,854	76,800	940,000
1988.....	241,626	56,977	127,322	57,327	73,500	904,000
1989.....	225,764	51,048	123,220	51,496	72,000	882,000
1990.....	210,678	45,643	118,705	46,330	70,000	863,400
1991.....	196,419	40,703	114,046	41,670	68,400	844,400
1992.....	182,396	35,971	109,091	37,334	66,500	822,500
1993.....	168,365	31,664	103,334	33,367	64,100	794,300
1994.....	155,172	27,828	97,414	29,930	60,600	751,900
1995.....	143,011	24,573	91,517	26,921	56,100	696,700
1996.....	131,143	21,477	85,559	24,107	52,600	654,600
1997.....	119,233	18,488	79,238	21,507	49,255	614,888

¹ Benefits payable under Part B of the Black Lung program established by the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. Beginning Oct. 1, 1997, responsibility for maintenance and payment of Part B benefits was transferred from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to the Department of Labor (DOL); SSA, however, maintains responsibility for conducting formal hearings necessary

to resolve contested issues with regard to Part B claims. Benefits under Part C (generally claims arising July 1, 1973 and later) are also administered by the DOL but are not included here.

² Includes wives of living miners, divorced wives, children, and dependent brothers and sisters of miners.